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DEAR READER:

The contents of this reference report is A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE dealing with circuit and rural court justice held March of 1984 at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

The conference was held to provide a forum for a cross section of justice administrators from across the country to discuss the issues, problems and some solutions in providing circuit and rural court justice services. A look at the conference participant list will indicate the far-reaching interest the topics have had.

When reviewing this report I ask you to keep in mind that it was prepared from notes taken at the sessions I attended. Therefore, WHAT IS CONTAINED HERE IS IN NO WAY CONCLUSIVE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND REPRESENTS ONLY AN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT I BELIEVE I HEARD.

THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED FOR INTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY. If however, you are interested in the topics listed in the conference agenda and the conference notes, more comprehensive information on each session is available through The Northern Conference Office located at Simon Fraser University, c/o Continuing Studies, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6; telephone (604) 291-3792 pr 291-4565. The Northern Conference Executive Director is Margit Nance and her Assistant is Chris Hamblin.

I would be more than willing to assist in obtaining information on any topic that interests you.

Sincerely

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Conference Notes

CONFERENCE NOTES

SUBJECT: ABORIGINAL INVOLVEMENT IN CIRCUIT COURT SERVICE DELIVERY

Stan Jolly, Special Projects Director, Policy Development Division, Department of the Attorney-General of Ontario

- Mr. Jolly began his presentation by informing the audience that there is a disproportionate number of Native people involved in the various institutions in Canada.

- He states that the number of Native people in institutions has not risen or gone down within the last few years but seems to be in a holding pattern situation.

- Mr. Jolly raised a number of questions for the audience to consider on the subject:
  - Should public intoxication be decriminalized? There are a large number of Native people being incarcerated for this offence.
  - Should mediation by elders be considered when there is a conflict in the Native community?
  - Is it feasible for a separate justice system to exist in Native communities?
  - Is the justice system on trial when it comes to Native people?

- Mr. Jolly goes on to state that reform could take place at two levels:
- Front-end reform would involve the police in the court systems and the rear-end reform would involve the correction system.
- Building a relationship between Natives and non-natives, he says, would require the redistribution of economic wealth and social structures within Canada.
- Problem trends in Ontario indicate that there are not enough Aboriginal people hired to work within the system. Mr. Jolly said that more Native people should be hired to "tinker with the systems".

The Honourable Judge Christopher Cooke, Superior Court, 4th Judicial District, Bethel, Alaska

- Judge Cooke outlined the kind of court system which exists in Alaska stating that there is a regional system in operation.

- One region is made up of 15 villages and court facilities are centralized in each of the regions.

- He described there is a large amount of involvement by Alaska's Aboriginal people at the levels of probation officers, police officers, and magistrates. However, as yet there are no Crown Prosecutors.

- In Alaska, legislative sentencing limits a judge's discretion. The process does not take into account a community's characteristics.

The Honourable Dennis Patterson, Minister, Department of Education and Minister of Culture, Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, Government of the Northwest Territories

- Mr. Patterson explained that the Northwest Territories has a number of Justice of the Peace officers in the communities.

- There are Native police officers as well as interpreters. However, there are no Native lawyers or Crown Prosecutors.

- He described the system that operates in the Territories as an adversary process rather than consentual.

- The content of the judicial process is not being tackled. However it's the process by which it is administered that is being tackled.

- He went on to explain that Aboriginal self-government exists already in the Northwest Territories.

NOTE: The majority of elected representatives in the Legislative Assembly in the N.W.T. are of Native - Dene and Inuit - origin.

SUBJECT: THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN THE ALASKA MAGISTRATE: PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED UTILIZATION

A number of points were repeated by speakers. Only those points which were different are listed here.

Mary McCulloch, Justice of the Peace, Watson Lake, Yukon

- The J.P.'s in the Yukon can deal with municipal and territorial offences as well as some summary and hybrid offences.

- Tribunal sittings include 2 or 3 J.P.'s sitting on a case in a community.

Charley Fisher, Justice of the Peace, Kenora, Ontario

- Describes the different levels of J.P.'s which exist in Ontario:
  Class D - standard Justice of the Peace duties are performed
  Class C - J.P.'s can swear informations
  Class B - able to make remands and these J.P.'s sit with Judges. They can also sit by him- or herself on summary convictions after they've gone through study training of the manuals.

- Mr. Fisher says that as a Native J.P. he tries to reach a person morally more so than by law. He says he develops a feeling about certain offences.

- He also tries to help Native people understand the law.

Terry Gasior, Special Projects Officer, Policy Planning and Evaluation Branch, Department of Justice, Regina, Saskatchewan

- The Saskatchewan government has just completed a study on the J.P. program. It has been in operation for 16 years in that province. Most J.P.'s have never practiced their professions, he claims.

- The two objectives in the program are: (1) to make basic court services available in local communities; (2) to provide Justice services with a local flavor.

- He describes the basis as to why his department thinks the program has failed.

- He says the appointment was by Order-In-Council so it smacks of being a political appointment.

- J.P.'s want to do more than just collect fines and send people to jail.

- Judicial help is not available and there is alot of paperwork for local J.P.'s.

- There is no clear understanding of their function.

- There's a political problem i.e. The Federation of Saskatchewan Indians lobbied successfully for the program, but there are no follow-ups at any level.

- Local J.P.'s are harassed sometimes by their own family.

- Some recommendations to alleviate the problems may be to send someone on circuit to personally help the J.P.'s in the community and to keep the politics out of the program, says Mr. Gasoir.

Lowell Anagick, Magistrate, Alaska Court System, Unalakleet, Alaska

- 60% of cases that come before him are alcohol related cases.

- There are serious social problems within many of the communities and suicide is also a problem.

Maxine Savland, Magistrate, Alaska Court System, Hoonah, Alaska

- Training programs are held every year for Magistrates.

- Each Magistrate has access to libraries with copies of American statutes.

- Magistrates can perform marriages.

- When in a village visiting, Magistrates are on call at all times.

- Magistrates are required to inform the Judge in the district when they have gone travelling into the communities.

Anthony Whitford, Justice of the Peace, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Court is perceived as an alien process by Native people in the communities.

- The law is neither understood nor respected.

- J.P.'s are appointed by their standing in a community.

- There is not enough community involvement in the legal process.

- There are not enough probation officers or other people in the correction system.

- Suggestions:
  - Set up a training program for J.P.'s on a continual basis, and a trial court system with Native people involved as an advisory committee and they suggest punishments for crimes.

- Conflicts of interest should be monitored where a person in a community wears many hats.

- Peer pressure can be great in a community. Perhaps 2 or 3 J.P.'s can be appointed in an area and they get together on a case. This builds reassurance, confidence, and helps to eliminate criticism. A small group of J.P.'s would be in a better position to obtain the endorsement of a community.

SUBJECT: AUTONOMOUS JUSTICE STRUCTURES

James Zion, General Counsel, National American Indian Court Judges Association, Helena, Montana

- This topic deals with tribes as independent nations.

- In the 1930's in the U.S.A. a shift developed - to have tribal control over justice. However, the right to adopt a tribal code was developed by guidelines and permission given by the Department of the Interior.

- This was the advent of Indian practitioners in the Courts - not lawyers or Crown Prosecutors - but people serving in various other levels of the Courts.

- Tribal organizations were formed to train these practitioners.

- Lay Judges are an important aspect of the American experience.

- A lack of independence of Judges in tribal courts can be a problem and Judges can become subject to political stress.

- Tribal Judges are given poor salaries but they are becoming more sophisticated with training and are becoming more aware of European law.

- Individuals in the community are taking part in the law-making process.

- Indian communities are in transition in the U.S.A.

- Fix standards but leave it to the community to interpret i.e. U.S. Civil Liberties Act (search and seizure section). Don't expect the tribal Judges to read and decide on all cases on search and seizure.

Stan Jolly, Special Projects Director, Policy Development Division, Department of the Attorney-General of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario

- The Penner report on Indian self-government has an element in it referring to an autonomous justice system.

- "Eventually Indian laws and codes would develop" reads the Penner Report.

- Child welfare control by Indians could lead to control of justice as a means to deal with child welfare issues.

- Mr. Jolly asks a number of questions which focus on problems with the concept of Indian self-government:
  - Will the Charter of Rights apply to Indians?
  - Will an Indian Bill of Rights be developed?
  - Will Human Rights apply?
  - Will family or clan groups be able to compensate for crimes?

- Will the concensus in the community prevail instead of the adversary system?
- Will disputes be settled through concensus?
- Will drunkeness and assault be dealt with as severely as called for in non-native communities?
- Where does the jurisdiction lie?
- What will happen to offenders who are not Native but commit an offence on a reserve?
- In civil disputes and claims, what court system can enforce decisions that are made?

John Bayly, Barrister and Solicitor, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Mr. Bayly gave examples of where features of autonomous justice systems are operating in the N.W.T., but these are not systems that are set up autonomously by the community.

- I.E. Bayly was a Crown Prosecutor in an arson case. As CP he was invited to a meeting where the community stepped forward to deal with the boy accused, by community measures.

SUBJECT: ISSUES IN NORTHERN JUSTICE RESEARCH

Curt Griffiths, Department of Criminology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

- There is not enough concentration on the issue of justice in Native communities.

- He claims that Native groups concentrate their efforts on the Constitution and Land Claims issues.

- The lack of material on justice issues causes problems at the University level because courses can not be taught on the issues.

- One issue where more research is needed is that of - A Native justice structure should not be like a white justice structure.

- There is a need to develop cooperative research efforts involving police organizations, Native organizations, academics, and others who are involved in justice issues.

- There is very little distribution of published material.

- There is a great deal of turn-over in Native organizations and original ideas which were developed by these organizations tend to get lost.

- One problem is that academics go into a community, do the research and that seems to be the end.

- A suggestion is to develop a systematic research clearing house.

Rod Kueneman, Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

- Manitoba has conducted research on Juveniles in preparation for the Young Offenders Act.

- Manitoba now wants to conduct research that will effect change in Native communities.

- One goal of research is to obtain demonstration monies in a community/ies where research goals will work.

- Communities know what they need and what they want.

- Suggestions and Comments:
  - 2-way type of research mechanism should be established
  - there is a lack of accountability in research
  - some communities have been burned by researchers and then these researchers hide behind academic freedom.

SUBJECT: DYNAMICS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The Honourable Mr. Justice M.M. de Weerdt, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- 100 J.P.'s reside in communities in the N.W.T. (1/2 or more of these are Native). They deal with 40% of the cases that come before the courts.

- They are responsive to public opinion in the community.

- Native J.P.'s are more severe in sentencing. This could be a measure of acceptance of the need for law and order in these communities, says His Honour, Judge de Weerdt.

- The more that Native people go to court and watch the proceedings, the more acceptance there is of the sentences that are given.

His Honour Judge Michel Bourassa, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Six circuits are visited usually on a one-month basis and on a-required basis to some areas.

- The philosophy in the N.W.T. is to "Bring justice to every man's doorstep".

- Every community is different and you have to be aware of the powers that are in control in a community i.e. town councils, elders, etc.

- The level of tension in a community builds up when the court goes into the area.

- Many people in Native communities attend court.

Nick Sibbeston, Minister of Local Government and Associate Minister of Culture, Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, Government of the Northwest Territories, Barrister and Solicitor, Fort Simpson, N.W.T.

- People in Native communities see the police, court and others in the justice system, all as one entity.

- This entity is perceived as strict, formal, and scary.

- Many people are unfamiliar with the proceedings, as the procedure happens in English.

- There is not much that the people in the community can relate to i.e. formal court dress, the decor, etc.

- This is eased when the same Judge returns and when some Native people (i.e. courtworkers) are involved in the procedure.

- He suggests that some Judges and people in court could adopt some features of Native dress or Native ornaments could become part of the court location.

- Only a small part of the case is told in court. As an example - the parts that are not told in court are beliefs in Indian medicine.

Jeff Bickert, Regional Director and Chief Crown Counsel, Department of Justice, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- The justice structure is superimposed in N.W.T.

- The clearance rate of charges in N.W.T. is greater than anywhere in Canada due to the directness and honesty of the Native people in the north.

- Incarceration does not include debtors, or intoxicant charges only.

The Honourable James Wah-Shee, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Rae-Lac La Martre, N.W.T.

- Interpretation in the court procedures can be difficult because of a lack of Dene terms for legal jargon.

- Native people who are charged would like the opportunity to sit down with their lawyers, however, the structure used in the circuit court system does not allow much time for the lawyer and the defendant to get together.

John Bayly, Barrister and Solicitor, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- There is a great deal of pressure on the defence counsel to prepare for a case.

- Often the defence lawyers and the defendant speak different languages.

- A person charged is expected to put their trust in someone who they are meeting often times, for the first time.

- Courtworkers (even though they are Native) may also be strangers to a particular community.

- Defense lawyers are often put in the position where they have to cross-examine the witnesses when they have not had the opportunity to speak to these people before.

- There is no time to assess statements in most situations.

- Defense lawyers are expected to bring out the worth of an accused and appeal to community compassion.

Ernie Lyal, Justice of the Peace, Spence Bay, N.W.T.

- Mr. Lyal has been a J.P. in the Spence Bay area since 1969.

- Most of the problems that come to court are associated with liquor among the young.

- Leniency could be a problem.

- Going to jail in the N.W.T. is more like a holiday for some people because of the poverty in some communities.

- J.P.'s should have more control in deciding punishments.

- Interpreters should be trained and headphones should be available in the court to understand the proceedings.

SUBJECT: EFFECTIVE PRE-COURT AND CASE PREPARATION FOR CROWN COUNSEL AND DEFENSE LAWYERS

John Brooks, Crown Prosecutor, Department of Justice, Happy Valley, Labrador

- Adjourning for lunch or coffee in some cases can mean that witnesses and sometimes even the accused may leave the court and become lost for the rest of the proceedings.

- A circuit court in the north is entirely governed by the weather.

- Types of crimes that usually occur are sexual and bodily assault, and breaking and entering on personal property.

- Some of the problems in northern court circuits are to round-up witnesses; having to talk through interpreters; reluctance to talk to Crown Prosecutors; and having to find out what witnesses and the accused are going to say.

- Some Judges may give you 2 or 3 hours before court to prepare and some Judges may want to start immediately.

Dan Mitchell, Assistant Crown Attorney, Department of Justice, Thunder Bay, Ontario

- Some Native communities are more sophisticated than others, and there are varying attitudes in the communities.

- One has to be sensitive to these varying attitudes.

- One problem that Crown Prosecutors have is making decisions on the spot and having to live with these decisions AND being prepared to justify the decision if necessary.

- Prosecutors have to rely a great deal on police in discussing statements.

- The disposition of a case in some instances may depend on how many seats are available on the plane (i.e. jail term sentences).

- Sometimes the accused has to be brought in from a trapline.

Jeff Bickert, Regional Director and Chief Crown Counsel, Department of Justice, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- In many northern communities there are regrets by people for bringing the case to court, especially if the accused is sentenced to jail.

- He suggests that one way around this might be for the courts to look at intermittent sentences which can be served in the community.

- See what community service can be done.

- Many times the concepts of guilt cannot be interpreted into the Native languages of the north.

- A suggestion to Crown Prosecutors is to make yourself known to the community and to develop an element of trust.

SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION IN COURT ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Dorothy Daniels, Manager, Native Peoples Programme, Alberta Attorney General

- I have had 16 years in the Native movement both in Alberta and in Canada.

- My involvement together with my education has prepared me for the job I now have as Manager of the Native Peoples Programme (NPP).

- The NPP office is in the process of locating information on the justice systems, sorting through it and eventually delivering it, directly and indirectly, to Native people and justice administrators.

- A commission was established in 1973 and it provided a platform for Native groups and individuals to make submissions regarding Native people in the justice system. The commission's report is known as the Kirby Report.

- A number of recommendations in the Kirby Report dealt with Native policing through the RCMP, Native Peoples Programmes through the Solicitor General's Department, and the Attorney General's Department.

- Other recommendations dealt with the appointment of Justice of the Peace Officers and the provision of courtroom facilities for Native courtworkers.

- One point never forgetten is that the NPP office of the Attorney General's Department was established through an Order-In-Council: By the highest governing body in the Alberta government - the Executive Council.

- The programme I manage is a three-pronged project which includes cultural awareness for justice administrators, liaison with Native groups, government departments as well as other interest groups, and public information and education.

- A description of the Native Peoples Programme is given in the information bulletin brochure, available from the Attorney General's Department.

- My ultimate goal with the Programme is in the education area and to begin providing information to Native people, particularly young people so that they are made aware of what their legal rights are.

- When I go on tour in a community I work with court administrators, court clerks, reporters, Judges, Crown Prosecutors, the local R.C.M.P., Native Courtworkers and anyone else who is involved in the justice system.

- I also try to make it a point to contact the local leaders, be it Chiefs or Metis Settlement Councils.

- I make contact with a number of agencies that operate within a community and offer to supply any kind of informational resources that we can through the Native Peoples Programme office.

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY THEATRE

Darrel Wildcat, Community Theatre Co-ordinator, Association for Native Development in the Performing and Visual Arts, Toronto, Ontario.

- Mr. Wildcat gave points and described how community theatre can act as a mechanism for public legal education.

- A theatre group from Frobisher Bay was also in attendance. Mr. Wildcat has worked with this group and the approach that the group uses.

- Research is conducted to see what the community wants in the way of information.

- The researchers contact all sorts of people in the community, as well as agencies like the R.C.M.P.

- Plays presented deal with an aspect of the law identified by the community.

- The main purpose for presenting a community theatre workshop is to make the community aware of a problem, be it alcohol or some kind of abuse.

- Another purpose is to stimulate discussion.

- In a play, a solution is suggested but it is up to the community to find its own solution.

- The theatre group is flexible in its presentation to allow for improvision after the issue has been discussed with people in the community.

- Sometimes humor is worked into a play to present an issue that may be sensitive. Sometimes giving the play a lighter tone makes the presentation more acceptable.

- The group has received positive results in a number of communities.

NOTE: The group also made skit presentations to the conference audience and these were well received.

SUBJECT: THE ROLE OF THE COURT AND OF GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

Doug Miller, Executive Director, Legal Services Board of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice and Public Services, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Mr. Miller says that if there is not a heavy docket that time should be taken in court to explain to people the situation in the court house.

- He says educators and social workers should become involved in providing public legal education.

- Material presented to people should not only be informative but also should be appealing, particularly when you are dealing with Native people.

- It should be appealing in regards to their community situation and their cultural situation.

- Parents should be encouraged to be used as volunteers in recreation programs in a community, and legal information should be available in schools as part of the curriculum.

- Community agencies and other support systems could be utilized to provide legal education in the community, i.e. the Native Courtworkers.

- Legal Aid is a costly way of educating people about the law and their rights, claims Mr. Miller.

Lila Healy, Co-ordinator, Old Sun Community College, Legal Education Project, Gleichen, Alberta.

- Fear of the unknown affected many Native people in the Gleichen area, claims Ms. Healy and because of that, many people were not showing up for court.

- Through workshops and seminars, information about the legal system is being taken to the people in the area.

- She says that Native people do not consider themselves as criminals if there is a wrongdoing. They consider it as a mistake.

- She gave an overview of some of the criminal justice workshops being provided to the Native people in her area.

- Through the legal information workshops, it was found that the Indian Act was a subject people want to find out more about.

- They are also very interested in information about the current Highway Act, as well as family law and child abuse.

- The information workshops helped to get through to the people who are active in the community but still she feels that they haven't gotten to the grassroots people.

- She organizes a conference around legal education and the idea is that if more leaders in the community are reached, these leaders may develop ways in which to pass on information to the people.

- Old Sun College is preparing for another conference as the first one was well accepted by Indian leaders.

- The college is also developing a curriculum on law for high school students as a credit course.

- There is a legal library located at Old Sun College and a legal committee has been set up consisting of the R.C.M.P., a representative of the Calgary City Police, the Chief and some of the band members.

- The College is attempting to reach the schools in the Treaty 7 area.

- As alcohol is the number one problem in the area, in relation to legal problems, there should be more information on the subject, suggests Ms. Healy.

- As well, more legal assistance is required, more orientation programs for police going on to reserves should be given, and programs need to be expanded as there is only one person with the R.C.M.P. division in charge of taking care of all the province.

SUBJECT: NEW YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT: IMPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

Michel Vallee, Policy Analyst, Young Offender Policy Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General, Ottawa, Ontario.

- Mr. Vallee outlined the major principles behind the Young Offenders Act: Youths are now responsible for their behaviour; Society is now to be protected from young offenders; Young offenders have the same rights as adults; Young offenders are from the ages of 12 to 17 (same in all provinces of Canada now).

- The transferring of young offenders to adult court is considered an extreme alternative.

- Dispositions are geared towards integration into the community by the young offender.

Douglas Miller, Executive Director, Legal Services Board of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice and Public Services, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- A copy of the paper presented by Mr. Miller to the Northern Conference is available by contacting the Native Peoples Programme Office, 427-4992.

- The paper, entitled "Implications of the Young Offenders Act/Ordinance with Respect to the Right To Counsel in the N.W.T.", outlines a number of rights of young offenders.

SUBJECT: STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN JUSTICE SERVICE DELIVERY

Dan Prefontaine, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Planning and Development Branch, Department of Justice, Ottawa, Ontario.

- There is a need to determine what Native people expect from the justice system. One way in which the Federal Government attempts to have input is through consultation committees.

- A National Peoples Law Conference was held by the Federal Government and they found that people want to know more about the law.

- There is an attempt to reverse the attitude that the justice system takes care of all the crime problems in a community. More emphasis is beginning to take shape in that communities take on more responsibility.

- Victim programs, courtworker programs and other kinds of community agency programs can response to a community's needs when it is determined by the community what it is they want to do in legal situations.

Eddie Gardner, Native Programs and Law Information Development, Department of Justice, Ottawa, Ontario.

- Emphasis is being placed on information about the justice system to Native communities. Summer student programs have been initiated as well as Native courtworker programs.

- It is easier to bring people together in communities, particularly in the north where everyone is located near each other. People in the legal system should take advantage of the idea of a sense of community.

- The British Law bases its law on customs and an effort should be made to find ways and means of delivering justice services mixed with local customs.

- Land claim agreements by Native people are related to justice services.

- The Constitutional talks provide Native people with a large forum for exposure to the different kinds of processes which work politically and legally.

- There should be more dialogue and use of resource people, such as Native practitioners in the corrections systems, probation people, etc.

- Discussions are beginning to take place on how the justice system can be set up in Native communities.

Don Jackson, Probation Officer, Probation Service, Val d'Or, Quebec.

- Mr. Jackson described a situation in his community where parents became concerned and formed a parent group to deal with young people who had to leave the community to go to school in larger centers and where these young people became exposed to drugs.

- He explained that it came as a shock to the parents that their sons and daughters were beginning to use drugs.

- Resource people were then brought into the community to talk to the parents and then to the young people.

- These resource people included doctors, police and people who work in alcohol and drug abuse programs.

Linda Wingenbach, Supervising Attorney, Alaska Legal Services, Barrow, Alaska.

- Ms Wingenbach described a para-legal program operating in Alaska whereby community people are hired as village para-legals part-time and are provided with training programs.

- These training programs provide skills to help them find solutions to problems without having to go into court.

- The para-legals are also given systems skills training. In Alaska they are known as advocates and helpers in minor dispute matters in communities.

- Miss Wingebach provided information in regards to the Land Claims Settlement Act in Alaska. Sections of the Act provide for hunting and fishing for Native people.

- Some of these sections were relinquished and now cases are in court to determine if relinquishment was voluntary.

- At present the Acts are being looked at with the view of pointing out where people in the community can take over services.

- By involving people in services, says Miss Wingenbach, you also provide legal education.

Alex Vicaire, Amerindian Police Services, Point Bleu Indian Reservation, Lac St. Jean, Quebec.

- Community work sentences are being used as an alternative to incarceration.

- Mr. Vicaire suggests that elder committees might be set up to deal with minor offences.

- Another suggestion is, a community might keep files on offenders and if there is continual repeating of offences then the offenders could be taken before a judge for a stiff sentence.

- Alcohol and drug centres, he says, should be used as resources for a community as well.

His Honour Judge G. Bladon, Territorial Court, Whitehorse, Yukon.

- Judge Bladon states that there are two assumptions connected with community involvement in justice service delivery; 1) that community involvement is good, and 2) that a strategy is needed.

- Judge Bladon states that these assumptions can be contradictory.

- The question is: Does a community want to be involved?

- Some communities prefer to have a third party to impose the law.

- The Yukon Territory has a four month old mediation mechanism in place. It is associated with an old traditional concept that there are no winners and no losers. The program is dependent upon government funds.

- Alcohol, states Judge Bladon, is the most distinctive feature of the justice system in the North.

Stien Lal, Deputy Minister, Department of Justice and Public Services, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Mr. Lal states that a community has to accept a justice system before they can want to become involved.

SUBJECT: THE CULTURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY-RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSESSING DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Dale Tesarowski, Lawyer, Legal Aid Manitoba, Thompson, Manitoba.

- Mr. Tesarowski spoke about Youth Court where a panel of young people could sit with a judge in sentencing.

- Juveniles in Brandon, Manitoba take tours of correctional institutions.

- Youths have to apologize by word or by letter to victims and these victims supervise work sentences.

- In some cases, juveniles may be ordered to sit in on adult court cases.

Paul Chartrand, Head, Department of Native Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

- Mr. Chartrand states that alternative sentencing should be used particularly where cultures clash. A feature that could be considered by courts in sentencing is the effects of institutions. The idea is that someone who has just come from a small community would have a difficult time when sentenced to some institutions where cultural concepts and languages differ.

Rob Watts, Director, Office of Probation, Corrections Branch, Department of the Attorney-General, Terrace, B.C.

- Mr. Watts described an example of one instance where a sentence disrupted the local economy.

- An accused was ordered on two different occasions to cut ten cords of wood for the community.

- This sentence resulted in an overload of wood in the community and the taking away of jobs from other people who also cut wood for the community.

- The point Mr. Watt's was making is that it is always important to take into consideration the local economy as well as the cultural aspects when using alternative sentencing.

The Honourable Judge Victor Carlson, Superior Court, 3rd Judical District, Anchorage, Alaska.

- When sentencing Judge Carlson says he looks closely at the conditions of the situation. For example, he looks at how long the accused has been out of trouble; whether he has a strong family background or strong ties to a mate; his or her reputation in the community; and the kinds of past involvement the accused may have had in the community.

His Honour Judge Michel Bourassa, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

- Judge Bourassa claims that the courts in the Northwest Territories have worked because of flexibility.

- The courts keep in mind factors in the community and it is a highly individualized process.

- Matters such as status in life, cultural background, measure of intent, etc., are all considered in a case.

- The aim of the law in the Northwest Territories, claims Judge Bourassa, is not to destroy someone.

Conference Agenda

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Monday, March 12

OPENING SESSION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

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The Honourable Mr. Justice C.F. Tallis, Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Honourable Judge Victor Carlson, Superior Court, 3rd Judicial District, Anchorage, Alaska.

Margit Nance, Executive Director, Northern Conference and Public Policy Programs, Continuing Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

ABORIGINAL INVOLVEMENT IN CIRCUIT COURT SERVICE DELIVERY

An introduction to the various values, attitudes and approaches to justice in northern and Native communities and the impact of superimposing current justice structures.

Gail Cyr, Chairman, Native Courtworkers of the Northwest Territories and Alderman, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

The Honourable Judge Christopher Cooke, Superior Court, 4th Judicial District, Bethel, Alaska

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THE INVOLVEMENT OF NATIVE PEOPLE AS MEMBERS OF NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS INTERACTING WITH THE COURT, THE COURT PARTY OR AS RESIDENTS OF A COMMUNITY:

Review of current practices, areas of difficulty and strategies for improvement of services delivery explored in three concurrent workshops.

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THE ROLE OF NATIVE COURTWORKERS:

Advocacy or facilitation?

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THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND THE ALASKA MAGISTRATE:

Proposals for improved utilization

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THE CREATION OF AUTONOMOUS JUSTICE STRUCTURES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

The jurisdictional, legal and operational implications

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THE DYNAMICS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

The view from the Bench, The Crown, The Defense and the Community

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CIRCUIT MANAGEMENT FOR JUDGES:

Including pretrial preparation, scheduling, the use of teleconferencing and other new strategies for circuit management

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PRE-SENTENCING SUBMISSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS AND COURTWORKERS

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THE DEFENCE:

Ensuring Effective Representation on the Circuit Court

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THE ROLE OF THE POLICE OFFICER AS A RESOURCE FOR THE COURT AND AS AN AGENCY OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY

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INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION:

Cultural and Linguistic Considerations in the Courtroom

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INTERAGENCY AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION IN COURT ORGANIZATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY:

Principles, practice and the maintenance of court integrity

Stephanie Cole, Deputy Director for Services, Alaska Court System, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT:
Matching offender needs with resource availability

The Honourable Judge Christopher Cooke, Superior Court, 4th Judicial District, Bethel, Alaska.

His Honour Judge Michel Bourassa, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Wednesday, March 14

MEDIATION SKILLS CONTINUED

WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY THEATRE:

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THE ROLE OF PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT OF JUSTICE DELIVERY:
The role of the court and of government -

His Honour Judge R.H. Halifax, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories, Hay River, N.W.T.

Douglas Miller, Executive Director, Legal Services Board of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice and Public Services, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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The Honourable Judge Victor Carlson, Superior Court, 3rd Judicial District, Anchorage, Alaska.

FRIENDSHIP CENTERS AND NATIVE COMMUNITY LAW OFFICES AS RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

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The role of community-based drug and alcohol awareness programs -

Lynne Enright, Community Education Coordinator, Maliganik Tukisiniakvik (Legal Services), Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

Margaret Thomson, Justice of the Peace and Co-ordinator, National Native Alcohol Drug Abuse Program, Ross River, Yukon.

The need for and development of victim assistance services in the North -

Stien Lal, Deputy Minister, Department of Justice and Public Services, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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THE NEW YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT:

Implications and opportunities for Northern Communities

David Lough, Principal, District Vocational School, Happy Valley, Labrador.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN JUSTICE SERVICES:

The case of Watson Lake, Yukon

Mary McCulloch, Justice of the Peace, Watson Lake, Yukon.

The repeat alcohol offender: A reconsideration of dispositional practices

Rob Watts, Director, Office of Probation, Corrections Branch, Department of the Attorney General, Terrace, B.C.

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The Honourable Judge Christopher Cooke, Superior Court, 4th Judicial District, Bethel, Alaska.

Wilderness programs and bush camps: Beaver Lake and West Castle Forestry Camps, Alberta and the Dechinta Society Wilderness Program, N.W.T.

Silas Bird, Executive Director, Labrador Legal Services, Happy Valley/Goose Bay, Labrador.

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Autonomous Indian police forces: Issues and prospects

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THE MEETING OF TRADITIONAL JUSTICE STRUCTURES AND "WESTERN" JUSTICE SYSTEMS:

Some Comparative Experiences from Australia and the Continental United States

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WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY THEATRE:

A mechanism for public legal education continued from Wednesday morning

TECHNIQUES OF PROJECT PLANNING AND SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING

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STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN JUSTICE SERVICE DELIVERY

His Honour Judge Jean-Charles Coutu, Provincial Court, Rouyn, Quebec.

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The use and effectiveness of community liaison programs and community accountability panels

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The use, limitations and potential of community service orders

Margaret Jackson, Department of Criminology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

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The Cultural, Environmental and Community-resource considerations in assessing dispositional alternatives

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Friday, March 16

OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The need for a northern justice newsletter was discussed as well as priorities for future Northern Conference programs and publications.

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